GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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PROMOTION OF SANTHALI LANGUAGE
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a growing demand in the State of Orissa to introduce Santhali language since it has been included in the Eighth Schedule of Constitution; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to sanction grants to Orissa to introduce and promote Santhali language in the State?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a)&(b): After the inclusion of Santhali language in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution, the Sahitya Akademi has constituted an Advisory Board to suggest programmes and publications for development of the language. The Central Institute of Indian Languages, (CIIL), Mysore, also provides aid to individuals/voluntary organizations for the development of languages and requests for grants-in-aid from the States are considered by a Committee of the Institute, which has experts in various languages including Santhali. During the year 2004-05 an amount of Rs.50,000 has been granted by the Institute for the promotion of Santhali language. This Institute has also conducted a Workshop for Preparation of a Pictorial Glossary in Santhali during March-April 2005.